

Greenways and Trails TIDBITS

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Information provided in this newsletter is taken from other sources and the Greenways and Trails Program strongly recommends that you go to those resources directly for the complete information about an activity or event.

American Hiking Society <http://www.americanhiking.org/>
16th Annual National Trails Day!

Tennessee's National Trails Day (NTD) was a great success with 25 events registered and 1,446 people participating. Go to the website to find the list of events. <http://www.americanhiking.org/NTD.aspx>.

Mark your calendars for June 6, 2009 and start planning your 2009 NTD event now! Thanks to all the volunteers and people who took part in the 2008 NTD!!

Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC) <http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/>

From the Tennessean newspaper: The Tennessee Court of Appeals struck down a lower court ruling that basically approved the company's unfettered taking of rock from the surface of the parkland and mining it from underground. "They have reversed the lower court's opinion and sent it back", Nashville attorney Gregory Buppert said after receiving a copy of the ruling today.

<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080801/NEWS0201/808010416/1009/NEWS02>
2 Copy and paste this link into your browser.

For information on the rock harvesting on the southern portion of the Cumberland Trail in Hamilton County, go to www.rockmining.blogspot.com.

From www.Nashville.gov/parks

Metropolitan Nashville Mayor Karl Dean has taken a major step toward helping Nashville maintain a healthy sustainable environment with the appointment of the Green Ribbon Committee. The committee has asked that citizens complete a survey that expresses our concerns and proposals.

As supporters of the Metro Parks greenways program, this gives us all a unique opportunity to express our support for continued conservation of open space in Davidson County. Please be sure to complete the survey and submit it to the Mayor's office.

The survey link is http://www.nashville.gov/mayor/green_ribbon/index.asp
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Red Clay State Historic Park, <http://state.tn.us/environment/parks/onetank/#redclay>

The 26th Annual Cherokee Days of Recognition is August 2-3, 2008 at Red Clay State Historic Park featuring traditional Cherokee dance, food and arts.

The Festival is free and open to the public.

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Tennessee Brownfields program: <http://state.tn.us/environment/dor/>

There will be three Brownfield program workshops August 5-7, 2008 in Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville, TN. Please check out the three workshop flyer attachments with this edition. These workshops will provide information to see if your city or county is eligible for a Brownfield grant.

For more information, call Paula Larson at (615) 532-0926 or e-mail Paula.Larson@state.tn.us.

American Hiking Society: <http://www.americanhiking.org/>

Need funds for your trail project?? The National Trails Fund is currently accepting grant applications for 2009.

Go to: <http://www.americanhiking.org/NTF.aspx> to learn more and the grant application deadline is August 15, 2008.

GeoBook: <http://geobook.sain.utk.edu>

The University of Tennessee – Knoxville Geography Department is working on a project with the EPA Region 7 office. Please check out the website above and give them your feedback.

Below are a few short guiding questions. Please be as honest as possible in your opinion and evaluation.

- 1.What is your first impression about the GeoBook as an interactive web map viewer?
- 2.What, if anything, do you like or dislike about it?
- 3.Do you see yourself ever using any of the GeoBook data to assist you in regional greenway planning?
Yes, No, Maybe?
- 4.If yes or maybe, then which themes and layers would you use?
- 5.Any additional insights, comments?

You are welcome to pass this email to other Board members who might be interested and willing to provide feedback and emailing it to me at rmatulia@utk.edu.

Your feedback is very much needed and will be appreciated.

Tennessee Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Services Division

GIS Services has a new map website of Tennessee that is now available to the public.

Go to: <http://tnmap.state.tn.us/viewer/map.aspx> to check out this site.

Outdoor Chattanooga www.outdoorchattanooga.com

If you are wondering what there is to do down in the Chattanooga area, check out this website!! Whatever the activity, it's probably done in the Chattanooga area.

To sign up for a bi-weekly e-newsletter, contact ruth@outdoorchattanooga.com or call 423-643-6889.

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New Trail Items

*Mention of products or companies in this newsletter is **NOT** an endorsement of those products or companies and is for informational purposes only. If you have any questions about greenways and trails grants, planning, surfacing, signs or bridges, please contact Bob Richards at 615-532-0753*

Want to stop erosion at the end of your culverts? Go to: www.stormslide.biz to see the product which the US Forest Service uses nationwide for erosion control. Another product used on trail surfaces is www.polypavement.com, a soil stabilizer.

For more information on these products, call Jason Call at 626-622-8744.

Please send your EVENT information to Bob Richards as soon as you are aware of the date for inclusion in the Greenways and Trails TIDBITS newsletter. It will be included in the TIDBITS as space permits. This newsletter is produced bi-monthly, or when there is enough information to distribute.

2008 Calendar of Greenways and Trails Events

National Trails Day	June 7, 2008	Statewide events
IMBA World Summit 2008	June 18-21, 2008	Park City, UT
Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT)	September 14-20, 2008	Upper East Tennessee
Governor's Land & Water Forum IV	October 8, 2008	At a State Park
TN Trails Association Annual Meeting	October 24, 2008	Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
Southern Appalachian Greenway Alliance Conference – Building Healthy and Wealthy Communities	October 24-25, 2008	Abingdon, VA
National Trails Symposium	November 15-18, 2008	Little Rock, AR
TRPA Annual Conference	November 17-21, 2008	Memphis, TN

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